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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT DACCA 2243, SENT SECSTATE 28 APRIL:

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL DACCA 2243

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, CIEC, EGEN
SUBJ: U.S. VIEWS ON CIEC

A) STATE 090658; B) STATE 090659

1. IN HIS FIRST OFFICIAL WORKING SESSION WITT NEW MEMBER OF
THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ADVISORS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(FOREIGN MINISTER) SHAMSUL HUQ, AMBASSADOR REVIEWED US VIEWS
ON ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO FORTHCOMING CIEC. BOTH
GENERAL TALKING POINTS AND THOSE ON SPECIFIC AREAS (REFTEL A)
WERE COVERED, AS WELL AS US POSITION ON JUTE (PARA 3E REFTEL B).
AMBASSADOR ASKED HUQ TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO OUR
VIEWS AND TO USE BANGLADESH'S INFLUENCE TO HELP ACHIEVE
SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF CIEC MEETING.

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2. SHAMSUL HUQ, WHO HAD TWO NOTE-TAKERS WITH HIM, LISTENED
ATTENTIVELY TO PRESENTATION. NEW TO HIS POSITION, HE DID NOT
COMMENT IN DETAIL ON SUBSTANCE OF PRESENTATION BUT EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR IT. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
JUTE, AND ASKED ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH USG WAS PREPARED TO
ASSIST IN MARKET PROMOTION AND R&D. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED
THAT THIS WAS, OF COURSE, SUBJECT FOR TECHNICAL CONSIDER-

ATION AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN GROWERS AND BUYERS. ASKED
IF USG COULD HELP REHABILITATE BANGLADESH JUTE MILLS,
AMBASSADOR SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE A SUITABLE AID PROJECT
BUT COMMERCIAL PURCHASES OF SPARE PARTS FOR US EQUIPMENT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AS WOULD US PRIVATE INVESTMENT. BOTH
WOULD BE FACILITATED BY A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO NATIONAL-
IZATION PROBLEMS, WHICH WERE NOW REPEAT NOW MOVING AHEAD,
AND WHICH WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR POSSIBLE EXIM AND OPIC
ASSISTANCE. MASTERS UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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